

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 27, 2015

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisor's Law Enforcement Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on July 27, 2015, in the Sheriff's Office Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:27PM by Committee Chairman Gerald Heimann. Present at the meeting were Gerald Heimann, David Halloran, Dwayne Larson, Connie Hull, Sheriff Reg Gill, Lt. Burgess and Nicola Mauer.

Mr. Heimann called for proof of postings. Sheriff Gill reported the meeting notices were posted on July 21, 2015, at the Courthouse, Darlington Municipal Building and First Merit Bank of Darlington.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and read. Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Halloran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Communications Tower Project Update: Sheriff Gill updated the committee on the tower project. The 25% down payment was delivered to ComElec, the project contractor, on July 23rd. Soil tests have been completed and the project is moving forward as scheduled.

Staffing Changes: Sheriff Gill accepted Deputy Fred Norder's resignation as the full-time K-9 officer at the LFSO. Deputy Norder will remain on the agency roster as a part-time officer however. His resignation created movement to a daytime patrol position, as well as a posting for a K-9 officer. Sheriff Gill filled the committee members in on the details involved in training a new handler, and the options for continuing the K-9 Program.

DCI Officer Involved Death Presentation: Sheriff Gill informed the committee that due to recent changes in the law, an outside agency must be the lead investigating body in the event of an 'officer involved death'. The Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is the agency charged with handling such an event. The DCI will conduct a training session, addressing these changes in law, with the LFSO staff on August 3rd.

Advertisement for Male Jailer/Dispatchers: The Sheriff reported to the committee that the department was advertising for jailer/dispatcher applicants in several Tri-County publications. The agency is experiencing a shortage of part-time staff and there may be a full-time male jailer/dispatcher opening in the near future as well.

Crime Stoppers Board Update: Lt. Burgess provided an update on the recruitment of board members for Lafayette County Crime Stoppers. She also gave a demonstration of the Crime Stoppers Facebook page as well as the LFSO page.

SHERIFF'S UPDATE

Lafayette County Fair Review: Sheriff Gill reviewed law enforcement involvement at the 2015 Fair. Several minor violations and several arrests were reported. The issue of inventory control at the beer venues appeared to be resolved with the new daily check procedures implemented. LFSO staffing costs were reduced this year due to revised scheduling practices and several shifts being covered by the Sheriff and Lieutenant.

Burglary Suspects in Custody: The Sheriff updated the committee on the recent burglary cases in the county. two suspects are in custody; one at the LFSO and the other in the Green County Jail. The agency's detectives are working to piece the cases together.

Drug Investigation Grant Funds Vetoed: Sheriff Gill discussed Governor Walker's recent veto of the bill containing all earmarked funds, including those designated for the drug investigation program affecting the agency.

Spillman Software Presentation-August 5th: The Sheriff reported that Spillman Software will be returning with support specialists to demonstrate their law enforcement software system. Also, there will be other records management systems demonstrated in the near future.

Other Updates: The Sheriff provided a summary of his training experience at the National Sheriff's Conference in Baltimore. He and Sgts. Heim, Morrissey and Cook also attended leadership training in Madison in July. Sgt. Paisley will be attending a later session of the same training.

The Sheriff mentioned that while attending a recent Rural Medical Board meeting, it appeared the situation involving Warren EMS was moving in a more positive direction. Legislative changes precipitated the improvement. A future meeting with the affected agencies is scheduled for August.

Bills: The Sheriff mentioned fuel prices were lower from the same time last year, however, fuel use was higher, mostly due to an increase in inmate transports. A motion was made by Mr. Larson to pay the bills as listed. A second was made by Mr. Halloran. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2015 at 5:30 PM.